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Entrance Procedure

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1.

Speed is not to
exceed 8 knots within the harbor limits and these limits extend well outside
the harbor.

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3. proceeding through the Outer Harbor
a small gunboat of sorts was at anchor right in the line of
approach It
was blacked out entirely with the exception of two small dull running lights.

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Berth and Facilities

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at the berth,
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the depth of the water for loading
is in excess of five fathoms at

Restrictions

7. The use of radio, radio telephone, radar, direction finder, sextant, echo meter and cameras were strictly forbidden.

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8.

9. No fishing was allowed and no hand lead could be used. When measuring the freeboard, an armed guard was on hand.

Loading Procedure

10.

There were no mechanical handling devices in evidence on Wharf No. 1. The iron ore was brought to the pier by small hand carts and was hand carried aboard by any human means available.

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The only mechanized facilities for loading purposes were two small Soviet built automotive cranes and one very old tractor. Completion of loading to draft and trim was entrusted to a Chinese who was, as far as could be determined, entirely deaf and dumb.

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Naval Ships and Facilities

12. a. Submarines: [] five submarines in the Wharf No. 5 Area. One [] was berthed at Pier No. 1 - Area D [] and four were berthed at the alleged Pontoon Pier 1 - Area E. [] the latter pier to be of new construction, larger than [] Pier No. 1, and to be of fixed construction rather than pontoon. [] these submarines were very modern in construction with low streamlined conning towers. They were very large submarines with no deck armament, radar, sonar, or DF observable. []
- [] The boats looked most similar in construction to the second variation of the Soviet "Z" Class submarine [] however, the after section of the sail appeared to be more rounded in []
- One submarine was berthed at this pier []
- b. Destroyers: Alongside Area F [] at the No. 2 Wharf in the Greater Harbor [] masts of four destroyer type ships. [] two of these were DD's and two others DE's. One of the ships had its funnels covered. In Area G a small destroyer, approximately 280 to 300 feet in length, appeared to be undergoing speed trials. This destroyer resembled the Soviet Gordiy Class destroyer, was modern in construction with one very squat type of funnel and had light caliber armament. []
- c. Motor Torpedo Boats: Motor torpedo boats were observed in Area G and they looked as though they were undergoing trials similar to the foregoing destroyer. []
- d. Training Craft: [] an old minesweeper [] was very active [] This ship would get underway from the wharf, would circle in the adjacent waters, and then would return to the wharf and dock. This process was repeated continuously. []
- []
- f. Gun Emplacements on No. 5 Wharf: [] five gun emplacements in the Areas J, K, L, M, and N.* The guns are placed in "sand pits" and are encased with sand bags. They are anti-aircraft guns similar to the old British "Bofor"; however, the recoil section is not as large and there appeared to be no flash-back on the end of the barrel. [] these gun emplacements are manned 24 hours a day []

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g. Training on No. 5 Wharf, Southeast: Small arms training was in progress on the No. 5 Wharf at Area O. The personnel involved were wearing naval uniforms and carrying what appeared to be automatic weapons set on a tripod. These personnel would run along the mole until, at the command of instructors, they would hit the deck in a ready to fire position.

h. Target Practice Between Ching-Tao Kou and Chungai: [redacted] approaching the Harbor Limits [redacted] target practice was in progress.

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[redacted] the firing indicated a battery larger than a four-inch and probably at least a six-inch. The wooden latticed target of the firing practice was being towed by a tug,

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Departure Procedure

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Miscellaneous

14. a. Other Merchant Ships in Port: [redacted] one Soviet merchant ship of approximately 15 thousand tons [redacted] loading forward of our ship at Area P of the No. 1 Pier.

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